building was about $1,600, and of their parsonage about $1,000. The present membership is thirty-two. Each Sabbath their children, to the number of thirty, are instructed in the doctrines of the church. The affairs of the church are in a prosperous condition, financially and otherwise.

Rev. Newcomer is in the second year of his pastorate here. He is a native of Illinois, and comes to Fairbury from Sycamore, DeKalb county.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The organization of this church dates properly from 1868, though a little congregation had been gathered together and masses celebrated occasionally for ten years previous to that time. In 1868 under the pastorate of Rev. Father Fanning, a chapel was erected in the north-western part of the village, at a cost of about $4,000. A good house has been erected for the residence of the priest and the church is in a flourishing condition. The number of Catholic families in the parish could not exactly be ascertained in time for this article, but they exceed 150. Rev. Father Owens is the pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

This society was organized in 1881, with a very small membership. They purchased the old Presbyterian church building and moved it to a new location. Since that time the church has prospered greatly and steadily increased in members till now the membership amounts to 115. A Sunday school with an average attendance of 90 and a young people's prayer meeting with an attendance of 80 are kept up, besides auxilliary charitable societies under the management of the ladies of the church.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Holton, is a native of Kentucky. He was graduated from Bethany college, West Virginia, in 1860, receiving the second honor in a class of thirty-two. He came to Illinois in 1878, and from Hoopeston to his present charge in October last.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This society was organized in 1858 with a membership of ten. They had no house of worship till 1862, when the building now owned by the Christian society was erected at a cost of $750. This building was used by the congregation till 1881 when it was sold and a more commodious and elegant structure was built at a cost of $4,000. The new church is well furnished and will comfortably seat about 350 people. The affairs of the church are in a satisfactory condition. An interesting Sunday school is kept up under the superintendency of Prof. Edward Bangs.

The pastor is Rev. D. L. Temple, who has been in charge of the church nearly two years.

SOCIETIES.

The following secret societies have flourishing organizations here, each embracing a large membership:

The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons are represented by Tarbolton Lodge, No. 351, chartered in 1860; Fairbury chapter, Royal Arch Masons, chartered in 1866; and St. Paul Commandery, Knights Templar, chartered in 1860.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows have a lodge which meets each Tuesday evening, and an encampment which meets on the second and fourth Monday night of each month.

The Modern Woodmen of America have an organization which holds its meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

The Grand Army of the Republic holds its meetings on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month.

The Sons of Veterans meet the first and third Friday evenings of each month.

The Knights of Pythias hold their meetings each Thursday evening.

In addition to the foregoing the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Royal Templars of Temperance, the Knights of Father Mathew and the Ancient Order of Hibernians also have organizations here.

The moral and social condition of a village of 2,500 people can not be bad while so many institutions, having for their object the promotion of the moral and social welfare of the community, include among their members so large a part of the population and receive so generous a support as they do here. These churches and societies can not fail to exercise a healthful influence, and powerfully aid the development of a high moral tone in the community and fraternal feelings among its members.

J. R. RAYBURN, DENTIST.

Dr. Rayburn was born in Ohio, but came when quite young to McLean county, Illinois. For fourteen years he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Fairbury, and in that time has built up a reputation and practice which extends to all the surrounding villages. His knowledge of every detail of his profession and skill in the surgical and mechanical departments are such as can only be acquired by long and careful study and practice. Old roots and teeth too badly decayed to admit of filling he soon transforms into good, serviceable teeth. He also makes teeth without plates, which has but recently been demonstrated to be practical. He also has the best electrical appliances for use in extracting teeth. He is thoroughly acquainted with all the modern improvements and has all the latest apparatus. He keeps the Florence Prophylactic tooth brush and a tooth powder of very superior merits.

Dr. Rayburn fully warrants all his work and guarantees satisfaction in all cases. His office is over Walton Bros., where he is prepared to regulate and straighten teeth or cure the tooth ache instantaneously. He will always welcome his patrons and give his best skill to their service.

H. G. BINGHAM, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.

Mr. Bingham was born in Genessee county New York, but moved to Wisconsin when ten years old. In 1869 he came to Illinois and ten years later to Fairbury.

He is prepared to furnish plans and itemized estimates for all kinds of buildings and to furnish the material and do the work on contract. Those who contemplate building will do well to get his estimate and bid before making their contract, for, however his bid may compare with those of his competitors, they may be sure that if they contract with Mr. Bingham their work will be honestly done, and it is well to consider whether this is not worth taking into consideration before the contract is closed.

He also does all kinds of turning and bracket cutting and grinds scissors, razors, etc. He also keeps a supply of gas, steam and water works repairs. He is the agent for Prescott's sliding door hangers, the only hanger yet invented that requires no track and no rollers.

He handles Jones' Water Packing Pump, which he claims is absolutely the best pump in existence, and in support of this opinion he offers the following seven reasons with emphasis:

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2d. As long as there is water in the well the pump is packed.

3d. It creates no friction. There is no force to overcome except the actual weight of the water.

4th. It pumps easier than any other pump.

5th. It will never freeze up.

6th. It needs no priming.

7th. It will last a lifetime.

An old worn out pump may be made better than when new by the use of Jones' water packing plungers and cylinders.

Mr. Bingham is prepared to furnish water packing pumps in any style and Jones' water packing chain pump buckets. He will be glad to give any information in regard to these improved pumps, and will be pleased to have those who need anything in that line examine their merits for themselves.

C. IRION, JEWELRY.

Mr. Irion was born and raised in Wattenburg, Germany, and learned the clock maker's trade in that city. He was engaged in manufacturing clocks in his native city and in Baden for seven years. He afterwards went to Hungary and was there employed in the business of repairing watches and clocks. In 1877 he came to Fairbury and engaged in the jewelry business. He occupies a large room on the north side of Locust street which is fitted up with shelves, counters and large show cases, suitable for the proper display of a well selected stock of watches, clocks, silverware, and jewelry.

He handles all kinds of American watches in silver, gold and gold filled cases. His stock of clocks include the best made, in both plain and ornamental cases. His display of silverware is very fine and comprises many very beautiful designs. His stock of ladies' and gentlemen's ornamental jewelry should be seen in order to be fully appreciated. It includes a wide range of styles in variety sufficient to please every taste. He also keeps a stock of fine cutlery, sewing machines, oils and needles for all kinds of machines. He is agent for the celebrated Helpmate sewing machine, which has become immensely popular with all who have become acquainted with its superior merits.

In no business is it so easy to impose upon the ordinary buyer as in this, for this reason it is important to those who desire to make purchases, if they are not expert judges of such goods, to know a dealer whose representations can be relied upon, and such a man is Mr. Irion. His goods are for sale at reasonable prices and they will always prove to be represented.

F. O. HOBBS, HARDWARE AND FARM IMPLEMENTS.

Mr. Hobbs was born in Mt. Carroll, Ill., but came to Livingston county and engaged in farming till 1876, when he engaged in the hardware business in Pontiac in company with his brother. In 1887 he came to Fairbury to engage in the hardware and implement business.

His stock occupies three large buildings. The hardware department is on the north side of Locust street and occupies a room 25x90 feet. Here he keeps a full line of shelf and heavy hardware. Every variety of hardware that is usually kept in any first-class establishment can be found in his stock. Among the attractive display of cooking stoves and ranges on his floors are the Climax and Lexington, which are very popular patterns. Among the heaters are the Universal and Peoria Oak soft coal, and the Palace and Aladdin hard coal burners.

The implement department occupies a building on the opposite side of the street, which is 25x120 feet. Here he keeps a stock of buggies, wagons and farm implements of all kinds. He has Hiram W. Davis & Co's. make of buggies, carriages and phaetons. He handles the McCormick binders and mowers, the Bonanza and Keystone corn planters and Brown cultivators. These specialties are mentioned only to show the general character of his stock, which includes many implements of husbandry not mentioned, all the best patterns and make.

His third room is in the rear of the hardware store, and is used for the storage of machinery and a part of it for a tin shop.

TAYLOR & WEAVER, REAL ESTATE LOAN AGENTS.

This firm have been engaged in loaning money on farm mortgages in Livingston, Ford and McLean counties for twenty years. Their office is over Walton Bros. store. They are correspondents of some of the strongest and most accommodating investors in the country, and do business direct with the owners of the funds. They always have money at command and to loan on farm mortgages for terms of three to five years, at six and seven per cent. and receive and forward interest and principal without expense to the borrower.

Their long career in business in Fairbury has given them a wide circle of acquaintances in Livingston and the adjoining counties, and has made them familiar with the values of lands in the above area, which enables them to give their patrons necessary information without delay.

E. W. WILSON, LAW AND INSURANCE.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Danvers, Ill., but spent his early life in Gibson City. He studied law at Valparaiso, Indiana, and was admitted to the bar in 1887. In June, 1888, he succeeded to the law practice and insurance business of D. L. Murdock, Esq. He represents the Phenix, Hartford, Home, Continental, North Western, National, Underwriters and Springfield insurance companies. These are all reliable companies that pay their losses promptly. It is to the manifest interest of every one who has property to insure to deal with a home agency, whose interest prompts careful attention to the interests of the insured. Mr. Wilson is a young man of energy, enterprise, and ambitious to rise in the world, and all business entrusted to him will be carefully attended to.

E. M. PHILLIPS, PHOTOGRAPHER.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Indiana. He came to Fairbury in 1865 and remained here till 1880, when he went to Chicago and a year later to Danville, where he fitted up a photograph gallery in partnership with his brother. The partnership was dissolved after three years, and he fitted up a gallery of his own. This gallery he sold in 1888 and purchased Watson Bros'. gallery in Fairbury. This he refitted, in good style and supplied it with the very best apparatus to be had.

His gallery occupies three rooms over Walton Bros'. store, which are elegantly furnished and decorated with fine portraits in India ink, water colors, crayon and photograph. He is prepared to make all sizes and styles of photographs, and guarantees satisfaction in every case. He is an expert in posing and gives particular attention to that part of his art, as no photograph can be good if the position is bad. He makes a specialty of enlarging old pictures in India ink, water colors and crayon, and makes all sizes up to full life size. He also keeps a well selected stock of frames. A visit to his studio will give an hour's pleasant entertainment to any lover of fine pictures.

Mr. Phillips himself is a genial gentleman, whose smile is sufficient to soothe or paralyze the average baby for a sufficient length of time to permit him to bring his instantaneous process to bear upon it and imprison the sweet expression on his negative. This smile is a valuable part of his stock, but he lavishes it without stint upon his friends and patrons who call upon him at his place of business.

H. B. BULL, DENTIST.

Dr. Bull is a native of La Salle county, Illinois. He began the study of dentistry in his father's office and afterwards completed it at the Western Dental college, St. Louis. He located for the practice of his profession in the city of Alton in 1879, where he continued till 1887, when he came to Fairbury and opened his dental parlors over Parsons' drug store. His reception room is tastefully furnished and his operating room is fitted up in good style and supplied with all the most approved modern appliances. Dr. Bull is a close student of his profession, and has given special attention to the subject of ulcerated teeth, in the treatment of which, he has had marked success. His skill in the surgical and mechanical departments of his profession is unsurpassed and all work is warranted to give entire satisfaction.

Dr. Bull has already built up an extensive and profitable practice. He is always to be found at his office, ready to attend to wants of all who require his services.

J. F. MOBERLY, GROCERIES AND QUEENSWARE.

Mr. Moberly is a Kentuckian by birth, but came to Bloomington, Ill., when only thirteen years old. In 1875 he opened a restaurant in Fairbury and continued to carry on that business till 1881, when he sold out, greatly to the regret of many who had been in the habit of feasting at his tables. He then formed a partnership with W. L. Baily and engaged in the grocery business. At the end of a year he sold his interest, but in 1883 bought the entire stock.

He occupies a large room on the north side of Locust street, every valuable inch of which is occupied by his large stock of goods. He keeps a full line of family and fancy groceries, confectioneries, cigars and tobacco. Queensware, glassware and crockery occupy a large space in his establishment. He keeps the best brands of flour and a stock of canned goods of all kinds. He also keeps a supply of lubricating and illuminating oils. His stock is large and clean and includes everything usually found in first-class establishments of the kind, and are sold at prices as low as the same class of goods can be bought for in any city.

T. A. M'KENZIE, BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP.

Mr. McKenzie is a native of Maine. He came to Chenoa, Ill., in 1867 and carried on his business there till 1873, when he came to Fairbury and started a carriage shop. In 1876 his shop with its contents was destroyed by fire. Since this misfortune he has worked at the blacksmith trade until recently, when he bought Jonas Lough's blacksmith and wagon shop, on Locust street, opposite the Archer House.

Here he is prepared to carry on blacksmithing and wagon making in all their branches. Repairing, grinding and polishing plows receive special attention. Mr. McKenzie is an expert horse shoer and makes a specialty of that branch of his business.

He is also prepared to make and repair wagons and buggies neatly and substantially, and keeps on hand a supply of the very best material for this purpose.

Mr. McKenzie is an honest and skillful mechanic who deserves the patronage of the public.

C. L. PERLEE, DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES.

Mr. Perlee was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He came to Illinois in 1874, and for two years was engaged in teaching in the public schools. He was afterwards employed for several years as clerk in the establishment of Taylor Bros. In 1880 he bought a stock of groceries from W. H. Allen and began business for himself. In 1886 he added a line of dry goods and fine shoes to his stock. He occupies a building 50x100 feet on east Locust street. The first floor is divided into two rooms, each 25x100 feet. In the east room he keeps a very large and complete stock of dry goods, carpets, notions, ladies' cloaks and wraps and fine shoes. The west room is stocked with family and fancy groceries, queensware, glassware, and men's boots and shoes.

Mr. Perlee carries on a very extensive business and his establishment is one of the largest in the county. In both the extent and quality of stock his establishment will compare favorably with establishments carrying the same lines in much larger cities, and his prices are not higher. Polite attention is given to all customers by a corps of gentlemanly and ladylike clerks who are always glad to display their goods and supply the wants of all who desire to become purchasers.

COOK BROS., HARDWARE, FURNITURE AND FARM IMPLEMENTS.

This firm is composed of three brothers, T. O., J. P. and H. C. Cook. They are all natives of Wayne county, Indiana, and begun business here under their present firm name in 1074.

Their business occupies three large rooms on the first floor besides a tin shop on the second floor, over their hardware department.

Their hardware stock is kept in a room 25x89 feet, on the north side of Locust street. A large line of heavy and shelf hardware is kept here. Their shelves contain every thing that belongs to what is usually classed as shelf hardware in any first-class hardware store. The floors are occupied by a line of cook and heating stoves, prominent among these are the Acorn and Monitor cook stoves and ranges, which are not surpassed by any stove made. They keep the original Round Oak heating stoves, which have had a greater sale in the past few years than any stove ever put upon the market. They also handle the Monitor Oak.

In a room adjoining this on the east side and of the same size, they keep a stock of furniture that is not excelled for variety and elegance by any stock to be found outside of the large cities. Their elegant parlor and bed room sets and finely upholstered easy chairs and cane chairs and rockers make a display that will well repay a visit to their place of business. All the goods they handle are made of the best material and in the most substantial manner, from the plain and cheap to the elegant and expensive. Those who contemplate purchasing anything in this line should see this handsome collection before making their selections.

On the opposite side of the street is their farm implement building, which is 25x96 feet. Here they keep all kinds of farm implements and machinery that have, within the past quarter of a century, revolutionized the business of farming by decreasing the labor and increasing the profits of production.

They handle the J. I. Case steam thresher, which, in many respects, is superior to all others, the Moline wagon, the Flying Dutchman sulky plow and the Walter A. Wood binders and mowers. They also sell the Brown planters and check-rowers and the Moline planter and check-rower, which is the newest improvement in planters, being so constructed as to be readily changed from a check-rower to a drill or vice versa.

They also handle wind mills and all kinds of haying machinery and a line of the best makes of buggies, carriages, road carts, &c.

It will be seen from the above that the Cook brothers have an extensive establishment, and that they handle the best of goods in all their departments. They buy their goods on as favorable terms as any firm in the state, and can and do sell at as low prices. They are a reliable firm and in all their transactions adhere strictly to correct and honorable business methods.

FAWKNER & SHEPHERD, CLOTHING.

This firm is composed of C. W. Fawkner and M. C. Shepherd. They occupy the first floor of a building on the north side of Locust street which has a frontage of 32 feet and a depth of 75 feet. It is divided into two rooms. In the larger, which is 32x65 feet, they keep their stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps, trunks and valises, which fill the shelves, show cases and tables, with which their large room is fitted up.

Their stock of clothing is large and includes all grades of materials from the stout cloth, suitable for persons engaged in rough out door work, to the finest and nobbiest suits. All their clothing is cut in the latest styles and made in the most substantial manner. Their stock is so large that all sizes and shapes can be readily fitted.

Their stock of gent's furnishing goods is equally complete and attractive. A very attractive line of fashionable neckwear is displayed in their show cases, and their shelves are filled with a fine assortment of underwear and hats and caps of the latest shapes.

Their goods are all marked in plain figures and no variation from the prices so marked is made. To any one who is acquainted with the prices asked for the same quality of goods elsewhere, theirs will seem extremely low, and no establishment in the county can show a better selection of goods.

Mr. Fawkner is a native of Indiana, where he was raised on a farm. During the war he served nearly three years in the 8th Kentucky and the 154th Indiana Vol. Inf. After the close of the war he came to Fairbury and was engaged in the harness business for twenty years. In 1887 the firm of Fawkner & Shepherd was formed.

Mr. Shepherd was born and raised in Otsego county, New York, and began to learn the mercantile business as clerk in a store in that state. In 1868 he came to Fairbury and was employed as clerk in several mercantile houses here till 1887, when he began business for himself, as the junior member of the firm of Fawkner & Shepherd. Both members of this firm are well known here, having been in business many years. They have a large circle of friends and acquaintances and are building up a good trade.

J. H. BALDWIN, RESTAURANT AND CONFECTIONERY.

Mr. Baldwin was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, but came to Illinois when quite young and lived in Watseka till 1875, when he began the restaurant business in Sheldon, Ill., where he continued till 1887, when he moved to Milford and opened a restaurant there. He sold this last business in 1888 and came to Fairbury.

He occupies a building 24x60 on the north side of Locust street. It is divided into two rooms, the first one containing his stock of confectionery, cigars, tobacco, canned goods, etc. The next is fitted up as a dining room. Here well cooked meals, comprising everything to be had in the market, are served. No better meals can be had any where for twenty-five cents, and indeed few hotels in the country set up meals for fifty cents that compare with them either in variety, cooking or attractive appearance of the tables. Everything about his establishment is kept scrupulously clean, and the table ware polished to the highest point of brilliancy. He has succeeded in building up a large trade and is rapidly securing the patronage he deserves.

Mr. Baldwin is a pleasant, sociable gentleman, who is always solicitous about the comfort of his guests and patrons and is ready at all times to do everything in his power to satisfy their wants. His place is a favorite resort for those who love a dish of oysters when prepared in the best style of the culinary art. In the sultry months the delicious cooling drinks and ice cream which he keeps attract the prespiring populace to his place.

N. S. PARSONS, M. D., DRUGS.

Dr. Parsons was born in Beekmantown, New York. He received his literary education at the Methodist Episcopal Seminary, Burlington Vermont, and began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Wm. S. Housinger at West Chazy, New York. After reading a year he entered the medical department of the University of Vermont and was graduated in 1874. He afterwards came to Illinois, and in 1886 opened a drug store in a room 20x80 feet on the north side of Locust street.

His stock consists of the usual line of drugs and medicines to be found in any first-class drug store, attractively displayed in jars with showy labels and in neat packages on the shelves. But besides these nauseous medicines so attractively arranged he keeps a line of school and miscellaneous books, stationery and wall paper, a fine assortment of toilet articles of all kinds such as soaps, brushes, sponges and perfumery; a stock of toys, dolls, albums, toilet cases and musical instruments; a selection of fine cigars and tobacco, a full line of Spaulding base balls and bats, and a nice stock of pocket cutlery. He is agent for Sherwin, Williams & Co's. mixed paints and keeps white lead, oils, putty and glass.

Dr. Parsons does not devote all his time to the drug business, but is engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a scholarly gentleman, a close student of his profession and has a lucrative practice which is rapidly growing.

C. F. H. CARRITHERS, ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Is a native of Illinois. Came to Livingston county in 1873, and followed teaching for a number of years. He took a collegiate course at Eureka college and afterwards entered the state university of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1883, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Opened an office for the practice of law in Fairbury in 1883. He was elected state's attorney of Livingston county in 1884 and during the succeeding four years creditably discharged the duties of that office.

He is now enjoying a good general law practice and enjoys the confidence of the entire community. He is located in a fine office over the First National bank. He is also a member of the insurance firm of Carrithers Bros. This firm represents a full line of reliable companies and place insurance in all branches, fire, tornado, life, accident and plate glass.

FAIRBURY CARRIAGE WORKS, A. DAHLER & SON, PROPRIETORS.

The head of this firm is a native of Germany, but came to America in 1854. He has been a resident in Fairbury for twenty-four years.

They occupy the large brick building at the north-east corner of the old public square. This building is 48x100 feet and two stories high.

Here he carries on the manufacture of wagons, carriages, buggies, phaetons and barouches of the very best quality and style and of the very finest finish. All their material is selected with the greatest care, and none that is defective in the slightest degree is allowed to enter into the construction of any of their products. They also keep a stock of factory buggies, road carts and buggy and carriage harness. They also do all kinds of blacksmithing and repairing.

Their stock is very large, including all the most popular styles of buggies, spring wagons, etc., which they offer for sale at prices that are as low as the lowest. They are expert judges of the goods they handle, and are able to buy on as favorable terms as dealers anywhere. They can therefore sell as cheap as anybody and know the quality of their goods, which will always prove to be as they represent them.

J. L. WESTERVELT, GROCERIES AND QUEENSWARE.

Mr. Westervelt is a native of Ohio, but came to Illinois when quite young. For seven years prior to 1888 he was employed in his brother's grocery; in the latter year he began business for himself.

He occupies a room 25x70 feet on the north side of Locust street. It is well filled with a large and neatly kept stock of family and fancy groceries, queensware, confectionery, cigars, tobacco and fruits. His stock of family groceries includes the best of every article usually belonging to that class of goods. He makes a specialty of Peoria flour and all kinds of canned goods are kept in stock. His stock of glassware and queensware is large and includes many very pretty patterns and sets. He also keeps a stock of fresh fruits, both native and trophical. Apples, oranges, lemons, bananas, etc.

In addition to all this he keeps a stock of cigars and tobacco and claims to have the best nickel cigar in town.

Mr. Westervelt is a young man, but has been in the grocery business long enough to become thoroughly acquainted with it in every detail. He is of a social disposition, attends strictly to his business and has succeeded in building up an extensive trade.

VEATCH BROS., LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE.

Both members of this firm are natives of Livingston county and were raised on a farm near Fairbury. In January last they purchased Easton & Co's. livery stable, on Locust street.

Fairbury has long been famous for its fine horses, and the stock of saddle and driving horses kept in this stable fully sustains the reputation of the village. Their buggies, carriages, barouches, surreys, etc., correspond with the fine horses that draw them, and no finer single or double rigs can be found anywhere.

They have stall room for 150 head of horses and give the best of attention to animals left in their care. They are accommodating gentlemen and endeavor to make the wayfaring of their patrons as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

THE CHICAGO COAL AND LUMBER CO., I. A. SHEDD, MANAGER.

This business was established about a year ago under the firm name of I. A. Shedd & Co. On the first of last January it was incorporated under the laws of the state with a paid up capital of $100,000, and has since that time been doing business under its corporate name. Their place of business is in the western part of the village near the railroad track.

They keep the largest stock of lumber and building material in the county. They are sole agents between Chenoa and Piper City for the White Hall sewer pipe, which is probably unrivalled in quality by any sewer pipe in the country. They are also sole agents for the Cuba stoneware drain tile of which they have sold sixty car loads within the last ten months. They also have the exclusive handling in Fairbury of the Minonk drain tile which is more porous than that manufactured at Cuba. During the past year they have sold over 600 car loads of hard coal. They shipped into Fairbury 200 car loads of freight in addition to a large amount that came in less than car load lots.

The immense amount of goods they handle gives them great advantages in the markets over smaller dealers, both in prices and freights, and they are thus enabled to make very low prices to their customers.

This is one of the large enterprises for which Fairbury, more than any other town of its size in the state, is famous. Its business men embark in enterprises and push them to success that would appall the ordinary Rip Van Winkle towns which surround it. These enterprises all innure to the benefit of Fairbury as people are attracted long distances by the low prices made possible here by the magnitude of the business transacted.

Mr. Shedd, the manager of this corporation, is a young man of fine business ability, wide awake to every possibility of seizing upon the avenues of success.

POWLEY, HENDERSON & LAUBENHEIMER, HARDWARE AND TINWARE.

This firm occupy a room 24x70 feet on the north side of Locust street, where they keep a large stock of hardware, tinware, stoves, etc. Their room is fitted up in good style and their stock is large and

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